

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows.

1-7. (canceled)

8. (amended) A cassette comprising a supply (32) of image receiving tape (24), the cassette ~~and a case~~ having means thereon for attaching the cassette to an identically shaped cassette, wherein the cassette is adapted for use in a tape printing apparatus

9. (amended) The cassette of claim 8, wherein the means enables more than two identically shaped ~~tape holding~~ cassettes to be attached.

10. (amended) The cassette of claim 8, wherein the means for attaching comprises a recess (404) on a first wall (473) of the ~~ease~~ cassette and a corresponding upstanding portion (403) on a second wall (472) of the ~~ease~~ cassette, wherein the first wall (473) and the second wall (472) are on opposite sides of the ~~ease~~ cassette.

11. (previously amended) The cassette according to claim 10, wherein recess (404) and the upstanding portion (403) have a generally rectangular cross section.

12. (amended) A tape printer (2) in combination with a the cassette of claim 8, wherein the tape printer (2) has a zone for receiving the cassette, wherein the zone comprises elements interacting with the means of the ~~ease~~ cassette for attaching it to ~~a second~~ an identically shaped cassette.

13-15 (canceled).

16. (amended) A cassette comprising:

~~an outer case~~ a cassette housing having means thereon for removable attaching the cassette to a substantially identically shaped cassette;

a tape supply spool rotatably affixed within the ~~ease~~ cassette housing and having image receiving tape;

a pin affixed within the ~~ease~~ cassette housing and adapted to guide image receiving tape; and

an outlet adapted to allow image receiving tape to exit from the ~~ease~~ cassette housing, wherein the cassette is adapted for use in a tape printer.

17. (amended) The cassette of claim 16 wherein the ~~outer ease~~ cassette housing comprises a bottom wall and a cover wall, wherein said bottom wall and cover wall have edges which meet to substantially enclose the tape supply spool image spool, image receiving tape, and pin.

18. (amended) The cassette of claim 16 wherein the means for attaching the cassette to an identically shaped cassette comprise a recess on a first wall of the ~~ease~~ cassette housing and an upstanding projection on a second wall of the ~~ease~~ cassette housing, wherein the first wall and the second wall are on opposite sides of the ~~ease~~ cassette housing and wherein the upstanding projection on the second wall is sized and positioned to be attachably disposed in a recess of a first wall of an identical ~~ease~~ cassette housing attached thereon.

19. (previously amended) The cassette of claim 18 wherein the recess on the first wall extends to a side of the first wall.

20. (previously added) The cassette of claim 18 wherein the recess on the first wall is rectangular in shape and extends to a side of the first wall, and where the upstanding projection on the second wall is complementary in shape and size as the recess.

21. (previously added) The cassette of claim 18 in combination with the tape printer, wherein the tape printer comprises a cassette receiving slot with a portion that interacts with the recess or upstanding projection of the cassette to provide a guidance for the cassette when it is inserted into the cassette receiving slot.

22. (previously added) The cassette of claim 18 in combination with the tape printer, wherein the tape printer comprises a print-head and a portion that interacts with the recess or upstanding projection of the cassette to provide control of the print-head position.

23. (previously added) The cassette of claim 18 wherein more than two cassettes are attachable in series one to another by means of the recess and upstanding projection.

24. (previously added) The cassette of claim 18 wherein the upstanding projection is about 1/3 of the height of the cassette.

25. (amended) ~~The more than two cassettes~~ Cassettes of claim 23 wherein more than two ~~the series of attached~~ cassettes are ~~attached~~ attachable vertically to form a stack without additional support.

26. (previously added) The cassette according to claim 18, wherein the recess and the upstanding portion have a generally rectangular cross section.

27. (previously added) The cassette according to claim 26, wherein the cassette additionally comprises sides, and wherein the rectangular cross section extends parallel to a side.

28. (previously added) The cassette of claim 10 wherein the recess on the first wall is rectangular in shape and extends to a side of the first wall, and where the upstanding projection on the second wall is complementary in shape and size as the recess.

29. (previously added) The cassette of claim 10 wherein the recess on the first wall extends to a side of the first wall.